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"Biddy Carrying Her Load"

—Last week we told of the value of the dairy industry to Decatur territory. If you did read it you read it with pleased surprise at how great a thing the dairy industry has come to be. This week we publish some equally surprising poultry facts, viz:

—The sum total of shipments of eggs of the three poultry houses of Decatur for last week were 230½ cases—thirty dozen per case—79,380 eggs, returning to Decatur poultry keepers the handsome sum of \$1325.70!

—One of our patrons who cashes his income check with our bank each week earns \$1.00 a day from his flock of one hundred and fifty hens. The hens pay in cash all his running expenses, and at the harvesting time he will have all of his general farm crop a clear profit.

—Instances of thrift like this specially appeal to us as a banking company. We want to work hand in hand in the interest of development and progress. And when the earnings come, we want to take care of them in our bank—for which privilege we offer the best of service, security and accommodations.

SECURITY STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

—Member Federal Reserve System—

—\$60,000.00 Capital—

"Buy It In Decatur"

MAY ARRANGE FOR MORE WELLS SOON

As the Messenger goes to press a report is being circulated that acreage in the vicinity of the Keystone well is being pooled and a trade will be made with a drilling company to sink two wells north and south of the Scott-Hunter hole, work on which is now at a stand-still, awaiting results of a trade pending between owners of the well and a number of land and lease owners. Reports of the formation man, said to be one of the best known and most successful experts in the state, is most favorable, the gentleman claiming that in his opinion, the Keystone section is the best proposition he has ever seen in the southwest. This man has been the chief geologist of one of the country's biggest oil company's, and his report has caused a stimulating effect in the lease market, a large number of acres being leased the past week by parties in Wichita Falls and Burkburnett.

The Keystone has been a disappointment to the owners of the well, and long faces are in evidence in Decatur. The hole is now down to the dept of the first well drilled, which was jammed, and the promised gusher has not made its appearance. But, regardless of this disturbing reports, oil men and lease holders from Wichita Falls, the home of Mr. Hunter, manager and one of the owners of the well, are here purchasing acreage. These purchases, and the secrecy which still pervades the doings at the well, works as a stimulus to waning enthusiasm of the local contingent of oil field operators and lease holders. A report says Messrs. Scott and Hunter will agree to continue operations for a certain amount of acreage in the vicinity of the hole.

SECURITY BANK AD SHOWS UP FIGURES

Did you read the Security State Bank ad in the Messenger last week showing in exact figures how rapidly Decatur dairy interest is developing? If not, hunt up the paper and read what was a very unique bank advertisement relating facts that help out toward development. Read the story in the bank ad this week showing up Decatur's poultry progress. Read all the articles and advertisements in the Messenger, for that matter. Facts about Decatur and its territory are developing that ought to be in everybody's mind.

SHOWER GIVEN FOR LOCAL BRIDE-TO-BE

Members of the aid society of the First Christian church honored Miss Elizabeth Paschall, whose marriage to Mr. Miles Matthews will take place Tuesday, April 10th, with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. W. P. Thurmond Saturday afternoon, March 31st. The decorations thrift out the home were in white and pink with easter lilies and garden roses. While the guests assembled Mrs. Terrell Lillard presided at the piano, and Mrs. Dodd and Mrs. Grubbs at the punch bowl. The guest book was presided over by Mrs. C. W. Ferguson. The favors were beautifully decorated easter eggs containing the name of the bride and groom with the date of the marriage.

The bride-elect was escorted to her chair by Mrs. Ben Grubbs, who introduced her as the future Mrs. Miles Matthews. Following the introduction Mrs. Innis toasted the bride. Mrs. Ben Grubbs, being a bride of only a few months with very little experience, asked for suggestions on "How to keep a husband in a good humor?" Each matron responded, and there were many laughable as well as helpful suggestions. Mrs. M. W. Burch then told of finding a treasure chest on the night before and up to that time no person had been able to open the chest. She hinted that possibly it came from Tut-anhk-amen's tomb and contained valuable treasures. A cedar chest was brought in and, thru generosity, each guest was given a key and permitted to attempt to open the chest, there being keys for all except the bride. No one being successful, just as Mrs. Burch was suggesting that they pry off the lid, Mrs. Thurmond ran in with a key which she had overlooked; this was given to the bride. To everybody's pleasure it was the lucky key, and her's was indeed a treasure chest containing silverware, cut glass, chinaware, linens of all descriptions, and many other beautiful gifts.

Miss Ruth Payne then favored us with two beautiful vocal solos, after which lovely refreshments of angel food cake and pink and white brick cream were served to about fifty guests.—One Present.

A fire occurred in the business section of Paradise on Thursday of last week which destroyed the restaurant of ohn Ewing and a grocery store belonging to Tom Burnett. The stores were wooden frame buildings. Most of the contents was also a loss.

BURCH DEFEATED FOR CITY MAYOR

Douglass Wins by Good Vote in Hot Contest Here Tuesday

In the mayor's race Tuesday, J. E. Douglass defeated M. W. Burch in a contest that dragged along until late in the afternoon, when "pep" in large quantities was manifested and a merry race resulted. Mr. Douglass' majority was thirty-five votes, polling 227 to his opponent's 196. Up until noon about one hundred and thirty votes had been polled, and it was not until late in the afternoon when the "spizzerinkum" was injected and the friends and supporters of the candidates got busy, and the election clerks were kept busy until the polls were closed.

A report was put afloat in the early stages of the contest that the race was between a klansman and an anti-klansman, but a gentleman known to be a member of the organization stated, with seeming authority, that neither of the candidates had an advantage in this respect; that if one were a klansman, the other gentleman was; that each stood upon the same footing. It is known that the question did not enter into the race with the citizens, and klansmen and anti-klansmen joined forces and voted their sentiments. It was a friendly, good-natured contest, and Mr. Douglass was the preference of the majority. He is a stalwart young man; honest and capable, and is one of the town's progressive citizens, taking an active part in chamber of commerce affairs. Since moving to Decatur from his farm, southeast of town, Mr. Douglass has been identified with the Meridian garage, being senior member of the firm managing that concern. Mr. Burch, the defeated candidate for chief magistrate of the city, is a prominent attorney, and for several years he has been active in political affairs of the city and county. He is a former county attorney, and during the memorable Williams-Morgan contest for congress Mr. Burch took an active part in the race. He is a good speaker and a splendid lawyer. Mr. Burch is a working member of the local chamber of commerce.

In the race for aldermen, the following gentlemen walked away with the plums: T. J. Dillehay for the unexpired term of J. J. Rieger, who

BIG COUNTY MEET ATTRACTS CROWD

Chico School Is Winner of Loving Cup and Alvord Second

The Wise county inter-scholastic meet drew over fifteen hundred students and school patrons to Decatur last Friday and Saturday. The list of entrants to the various events was larger than ever before, and the rivalry was keen among the spectators. Chico won the county championship, defeating Alvord, her closest rival. Two cups were offered by the Decatur chamber of commerce; one to the class B school making the most points, and the other to the rural school carrying off the honors. Chico won the class B honors and Sycamore took the rural school prize.

Decatur Baptist College offered two scholarships, one for the best all-round athlete, which was won by Jack Gage of Sycamore school, and one for the young lady winning the literary event, which was won by Miss Beatrice Adecock of Alvord.

On another page of the Messenger will be found the winners of the literary and athletic events.

J. C. Rogers is at home after a stay in Cisco. He leaves this week for Lubbock, where he will try out on the Lubbock team of the West Texas baseball league. Rogers is one of the best first basemen Decatur ever turned out, and he is a good stickler and all-round player. His friends here believe he can stick in the West Texas circuit.

resigned some time ago; Gordon Renshaw to succeed Henry Askey, whose term expires; Dave Kerr in ward one; and A. J. Ogle in ward two, defeating R. L. Hunt, who was running for his second term. The candidates for these positions in the city government did not seem to be hankering for the honors, and those defeated appeared to be a little jollier than the gentlemen who had the honors thrust upon them.

Messenger congratulates the citizens upon their selections, and with the co-operation which is essential in the work of building and bettering the town, this splendid body of men will do their "dingdest" to make Decatur and its interests take first rank.

Beginning at the Beginning.

One of the gravest problems so far encountered by the local chamber of commerce is that of winning back the fealty of Decatur people for their own town of Decatur.

Love of our town, veneration for its institutions, a quick and instant regard for its honor, name and perpetuity—these are the root principles of town growth and prosperity. Without these elemental essentials, our efforts—all our aspirations—are as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. We do nothing more than disperse a noise on the empty air.

A first count in the bill of complaints to be filed against us is that of thoughtlessness. In our daily practices we have developed a custom that disregards the obligations of plain duty. Seriously, thoughtfully, consider the one item of trade. Barter and trade are the foundation principles of progress—historically, nationally—all the way down the scale of diminishing entities to the local neighborhood, the town, the store. Trade is the vital principle, the sap of life; the having of it has made nations, towns and cities glorious and rich; the loss of it has led to decadence, rottenness and annihilation.

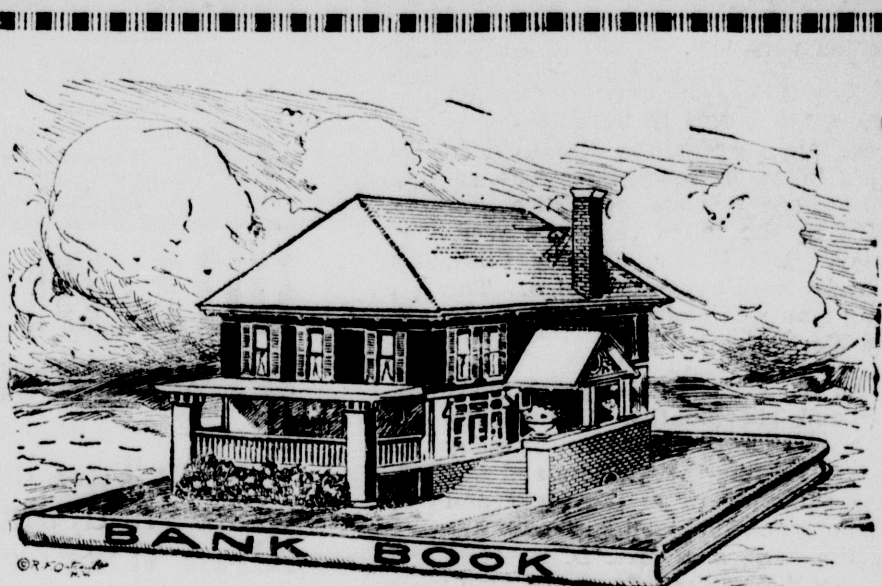
Decatur has suffered an injury that is immeasurable, inflicted by its own citizenship in the loss of patronage that the town is entitled to. Itemized and presented concretely, the details of truth are that we have sent our dollars in a stream to fatten the coffers of Fort Worth, Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis and the great wealthy marts where the mail order houses reside. And in the doing it, we have been slowly drawing the life-blood of our town. It is not the least sensational to say that our attitude of indifference, of neglect, is as surely and slowly strangling the town as if a giant animal enemy had its iron clutches at the town's throat.

Shall we not amend our ways? In the future shall we not, when we have a purchase in mind, have a second thought as to where we shall bestow it—in Decatur or some other more fortunate man's home town?

The argument is not altogether against the people. A considerable percentage of our practices of merchandising is responsible for its share of the untoward conditions that exist. The public wants a fair deal; is going to have it if it can! It wants goods on a basis of cheapness with other marts. Decatur merchants acknowledge this—know them to be essential parts of every and any commercial transaction—and there is a manifest disposition on the part of the Decatur merchant of the future to accord the essentials of cheapness, convenience, consideration of the purchaser's rights and his feelings and all the other requisites for holding the patronage of the town and the country.

In the meantime, ponder this cold fact, merchants and citizens alike: Trade is the support of our schools, our churches, each and every essential of our better and our higher interest. Unless we, as a town, can husband and maintain our trade, we might as well call off our aspirations, our ideals of becoming a town in earnest; might as well get out of the running, and swiftly. This does not mean merchants alone; it means all—everybody. Our interests are interlocked that way. We all go down or up together!

Loyalty is demanded of the Decatur citizen of the future. It is no less easy to cut the throat of the town by the denial of its dollars of trade than with a sharp and pointed knife!



BANK YOUR MONEY AND HAVE A HOME OF YOUR OWN. IT PAYS!

—When you have saved enough money to buy the property—and it's cheaper for cash—you can borrow on your property to build your house. But you can't do a thing right until you start putting money in the bank.

—It grows in the bank; it is safe in the bank. The banker's advice is free, and the bank always accommodates its partons. Put your money in our bank.

First National Bank

Decatur : : : Texas.

"Buy It In Decatur"

RADIO BROADCAST BY LOCAL ARTISTS

President Gus Hughes of the local chamber of commerce has named Mrs. E. W. Bass "Queen Eighther from Decatur," and this popular Decatur lady has accepted the honor. Mrs. Bass is in charge of the program to be rendered over the Star-Telegram radio on Friday night, April 20th, from nine-thirty to ten-thirty o'clock, and during this program the coronation of Decatur's queen will occur. "The hired hand," well known in radio-land as one of the most popular announcers in the nation, will have charge of the broadcasting of Decatur's program, and he is delighted with the arrangements made by Mrs. Bass for entertaining radio fans over the nation during Decatur's hour in the air. Various musical numbers will be rendered by Decatur artists while the "home brew" orchestra will present a number of snappy selections. Attorney M. W. Burch will deliver an address exploiting the advantages of Decatur and the Baptist College. Several special features are being arranged by "the hired hand" in connection with the crowning of "Queen Eighther from Decatur" which will prove highly entertaining to all listeners.

Arrangements are also being made whereby all those people in Decatur community who do not have radio sets may hear the program. Manager H. M. Helm of the Decatur Motor Company has consented to place his large Murad receiving set with loud speaker in the court house or some auditorium for the benefit of the public. Other radio dealers will doubtless also arrange to entertain the public by giving Decatur's program on this date.

LILLARD RETIRING AFTER TWO TERMS

In retiring from the office of mayor of the city of Decatur, S. Terrell Lillard says he thanks all those citizens who co-operated with him in his efforts to make Decatur a more progressive place in which to live. Mr. Lillard did his best and the big improvements brought about during his administration are far-reaching and will be long remembered as Decatur's first step in the big campaign of progress.

Mr. Lillard retires after serving as mayor two terms, and he enjoys the distinction of being elected each time without opposition.

EXTEND COURTESY TO MEET OFFICIALS

Messrs. B. C. Schulkey, C. C. Bock and S. D. Handly, directors of the Wise county university inter-scholastic league, spoke highly complimentary of the chamber of commerce for the courtesy extended the meet on last Friday and Saturday. The interest of Decatur supplied the one element lacking, they said, to make the league one of the biggest and most important of its kind in Texas. Next spring they are to advise a two days' session and a vigorous organization in every school community to arouse enthusiasm for the various contests to come later. Three to four thousand Wise county people should attend the meet next year.

It seems that the public outside of school influence is just rousing to an appreciation of the profound importance of this movement that has taken form within the school body of Texas. Its impulse for a fine educational affluence within the school body is scarcely realized until the program of events carried out is scrutinized and understood.

It was a splendid meet—that at Decatur—greater in many ways, we are assured, than has heretofore obtained. The attendance exceeded in numbers many times what has been registered at other meets. Decatur's part was to welcome the student roll—a fine body of Wise county boys and girls they were—to the town; to make them feel at home, to take many of them into our homes, to provide them a lunch, and to donate the loving cups, the Baptist College scholarships, which constituted the chief prizes of the contests. Mack Burch, chairman of the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce, delivered the trophies in a fitting speech, praised our college, and invited the contestants back to attend a far greater meet that Decatur will put on for next year. He was replied to by Bruce Schulkey, who accepted the tokens and Decatur's hospitality gratefully, President J. L. Ward of the college hospitably turned over the campus and the conveniences of the school to the accommodation of the guests.

R. R. Lacey has sold his garage on West Main street to Hillary Morris. Mr. Lacey and his patrons regret his quitting business in Decatur. Mr. Morris is an experienced mechanic who has had years of experience in Decatur, and he will doubtless give satisfactory service to those who patronize his establishment.

CHICO NEWS

(Review.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gardner left Sunday for Comanche, Oklahoma, to visit their sons, Leon and Johnny and their families.

Murray Fulghum and wife came down from Ryan, Oklahoma, Wednesday evening and spent the night with Mr. Fulghum's parents. They returned home Thursday.

Mrs. C. Barnhill was called to the bedside of her mother, who is seriously ill at her home at Barstow. Thursday morning her mother was reported very low.

Walter Liles, age twenty-four, son of Etta Liles, died in Fort Worth at pneumonia on Monday, March 26th, at his home in that city. The remains were brought to Chico and buried in the Chico cemetery Wednesday. His father, Charley Liles, formerly lived south of Chico. The young man was a city mail carrier in Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. A. Barnhill, age sixty-six year and six months, died at the home of George Turner Tuesday. She was visiting the Turners and was taken suddenly ill in the night and died before medical aid arrived. She was the mother of Mrs. D. B. Alexander and has lived in Chico many years. The funeral was held from the Methodist church Friday. Burial was made in the Chico cemetery.

SLIDELL NEWS

Frank Higgs is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Ocea Freeman visited her aunt in Decatur Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Christian were in Sanger Saturday.

Harrison Hall was in Decatur on business several days last week.

Mr. Lynn Rudd and Miss Stella Gunter were in Sanger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gregg spent the week-end with homefolks in Decatur.

Mrs. Millie Atcheson of Sycamore, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. B. Powell.

Several people of Slidell attended the funeral of Uncle Jim Riley Sunday afternoon.

Several from Slidell attended the Wise county inter-scholastic meet at Decatur Saturday.

Misses Opal Landers and Eva Pearl Doyle spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Witherspoon at Greenwood.

Mrs. R. L. AcAtceer and sons, Will and Charles, of Valley View, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. S. Doyle.

Mr. Will Rancey of Slidell and Miss Leola Blackburn of Decatur, were married in Decatur Saturday evening. We all wish them wealth, health and prosperity.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Following is the program of the B. Y. P. U. for the First Baptist church, to be rendered on Sunday, April 8th, 1923. The services begin promptly at six-thirty o'clock.

Opening exercises.

Drill on key verses of daily Bible readings—Leader in charge.

Scripture lesson read by two on group in charge.

Prayer.

Introduction and outline—Jessie McCracken.

"The Author of the Letter"—Calvin Tyson.

"Titus, Pastor at Crete"—Blanche McCracken.

Fiano solo—Margaret Bell.

"The Cretan Christians"—Jewell Tyson.

"De Laud's Work"—R. L. Hunt.

"The Contents of the Letter"—Gladys Johnson and Fannie Pearl Askey.

Vocal solo—Nevada Atkinson.

"In the Third Chapter"—Emma Lee Mann.

"I beg your pardon, sir, but what is your name?" the teller politely asked the man presenting a check.

"Name," echoed the indignant customer, "don't you see my signature on the check?"

"I do," answered the teller. "That is what aroused my curiosity."

"What profession is you boy Josh going to select?"

"I'm going to educate him to be a lawyer," replied Farmer Cornossel. "He's naturally argumentative and bent on mixin' into other people's troubles an' he might jes' as well get paid fur his time."

Hostess—"It looks like a storm; you had better stay for dinner."

Jackson—"Oh thanks, but I don't think it's bad enough for that."

"Tell me," said the lady to the old soldier, "were you cool in battle?"

"Cool?" said the truthful veteran. "Why I fairly shivered."

Her Girl Chum—"Did the minster make Ferdinand use the words 'with all my worldly goods I thee endow?'"

Mrs. Justwed—"No. Why put him on his guard? I'll get 'em anyway."

Professor—"What is an oyster?"

Stude—"An oyster is a fish built like a nut."

WAR DECLARED

By The United States on Germany

on April 6, 1917

OUT OF THE WAR THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS BORN

—On Tuesday, April 10th, the American Legion will stage a gala day in Decatur. Amusements of all kinds will be had, and a baseball game between the Fort Worth Panthers and the Legion team will feature the day. All of Wise County and surrounding country is cordially invited to be present in Decatur, Texas, on April 10th, 1923. Prizes will be given away as follows: One new Ford car; one ladies' coat suit, value \$75.00; one ladies' dress, value \$50.00; one man's suit, value \$50.00; one kitchen cabinet, value \$40.00; one axminster rug, value \$40.00; and about forty other prizes to the value of around \$450.00.

—We are going to offer extra special price inducements to the buying public on this American Legion gala day in Decatur—April 10th! We have a complete stock of spring dress goods, oxfords, dresses, suits, hosiery, millinery, art squares, silks, staple goods, notions, hats, clothing, underwear, etc. which we offer at much below their true worth, owing to the fact that we bought these goods before the recent advance; and we propose to sell them to you at a big saving over their present values. Come in and inspect the many new things we are showing. We are in a position to, and will save you money on your purchases!



LADIES' AND MISSES' SUIT AND DRESS SPECIAL

—We are featuring beautiful new fabrics, smart new colors and the most captivating modes in our spring dresses and suits, and all at a substantial saving in price. Our garments satisfy the most exactly customer. The prices range on dresses—\$13.45 to \$18.50; and prices on the suits range—\$22.45 to \$29.45.

LOW PRICES ON HOSIERY

Ladies' hose 15c to \$3.50
Men's socks 15c to 75c
Children's hose 10c to \$1.00

—Be sure to make a visit to our millinery department, and see our extra smart showing of new spring and summer hats, veils, ribbons, etc.

BRASSIERS AND CORSETS

What does every woman want? La Camille corsets are designed on the assumption that every woman wants stylish lines without discomfort; she wants a corset to give adequate support but which is light in weight and that gives great body freedom; this is La Camille to a T. Corsets priced from \$2.00 to \$6.95; brassiers 50c to \$2.50 each. One lot of corsets in odds and ends, worth up to \$5.00, choice—\$5.00.

MEN'S HATS REDUCED.

Men's and boys' felt hats, straw hats, caps and gloves showing in almost every description now. Felt hats in light colors, tan and steel especially are having the call. The prices—\$2.50 to \$5.00. Full line of men's staple hats in whites, browns and blacks—at reasonable price—\$3.50 to \$5.00. Full line men's John B. Stetson hats in blacks and whites and all the stylish shapes preferred. Straw hats in yacht shapes are the best sellers for summer—in the new braid designs—priced in reach of all—\$1.00 to \$4.50. Men's and boys' caps for spring in an excellent variety of patterns—priced 75c to \$2.50 each.

NEW LINE DRESS SHIRTS

Shirts of every design and pattern may be found in our stock, with and without collars, priced below the average—\$1.25 to \$3.00. Men's good heavy work shirts, 65c to \$1.00.



SPECIAL PRICES ON MEN'S SUITS OF QUALITY

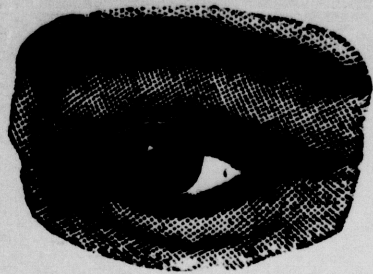
—With the spring season in full swing again our men's and young men's clothing department is full and complete. We have just received ninety-five men's and young men's suits from the famous Heldman firm of Cincinnati. These patterns and designs are of the latest and snappiest that money can buy; we guarantee our goods to be absolutely exactly as represented. We call your special attention to the fact that Heldman suits are the best in workmanship; in their clothing you will find they will hold their shape and look good as long as they last. Please give us a chance when you need a suit. And our prices are right—\$14.43, \$19.93, \$22.45, \$24.95, \$27.45 and \$32.45.

MAKE OUR STORE YOUR STORE!

Lillard's Mississippi Store

Northeast Corner Square—

—Delightful Decatur, Texas



The best is none too good for your eyes.

See Us and See Better!

EAGLE DRUG HOUSE

—Druggists and Opticians—

Everett W. Bass, Optometrist

Local News

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE OF FORT WORTH & DENVER.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 1—11:25 a. m.
No. 5—7:50 p. m.
No. 7—12:21 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 2—5:25 p. m.
No. 6—10:35 a. m.
No. 8—5:26 a. m.
All trains stop at Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland of Fort Worth, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson Sunday.

"The Messenger as an advertising medium, gets direct results," stated E. W. Bass, manager of the optical department of the Eagle Drug House.

Eye glasses fitted; any broken part duplicated; satisfaction guaranteed. We know the business—fifteen years' experience. Sanders & Ingram.

Mrs. Frank P. Timberlake and son, Frank Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Scott of Wichita Falls, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rush.

Special sale of a big line of new tennis racquets—\$1.95 and up—at the Eagle Drug House.

Some time this month there will be a man in the county with County Agent W. M. Love to put on several peccan budding demonstrations. Persons wishing to be shown how this is done should get in touch with the county agents. Definite dates for the work will be announced later.

S. A. Lillard was reported on the sick list, being confined to his bed with a forty-eight hour siege of hiccoughs.

Mark Marshall, traveling for the Perkins Dry Goods Company, was in town yesterday.

The Wise County Medical Society held an interesting session here last Tuesday in the offices of Dr. S. J. Petty. Those present were: Drs. P. C. Funk of Bridgeport, L. R. Russell of Rhome, A. J. Walker of Alvord, S. J. Petty, J. J. Ingram, T. G. Rogers and P. J. Fullingim of Decatur.

Charles Bradford was over from Bridgeport this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lillard visited in Fort Worth.

L. M. Cobb of Ponder, was in the city on business Wednesday.

Rev. A. M. Thompson was here from Aubrey Tuesday.

Miss Kathrine Hambright of Roanoke, is the guest of Miss Jennie Lee Hambright.

Rev. Harry L. Virden of Dallas, will preach at the Episcopal church this Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock. The public is invited.

A box of candy for her, and a box of cigars for him; we have 'em. La Josephine.

Mrs. Bob Gibson was here Monday from Chico.

Rev. J. H. Heathington of Chico, was here the first of the week.

Mmes. Edgar McDaniel and L. A. Hall were here Monday from Greenwood.

Mr. W. E. Rainey of Shidell, and Miss Louella Blackburn of this city were married last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride. Mr. Rainey is a prominent citizen of the Shidell country. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blackburn, long-time residents of Decatur. She is popular among a large number of friends. Messenger extends congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bursey of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stockton Sunday.

A number of cars carrying boosters from the chamber of commerce and American Legion made tours of the county on Wednesday and Thursday boosting Decatur's big day, Tuesday, April 10th. Advertising matter was spread in every section of the county and concerts were given by the local "home brew" orchestra. The boosters report that they met with hearty welcome at all points and were assured that there would be a mammoth crowd in Decatur next Tuesday.

Special twenty-five cent jet black straw hat dye for only nineteen cents at the Eagle Drug House.

Fresh fruits, fresh candies and everything in periodicals. La Josephine.

Misses Lois Shawver and guest, Miss Mary Jane Williams, returned Monday to Southern Methodist University, after a week's visit here.

Mrs. Hugh Greer was here this week from Denton.

Attorney M. W. Burch and Steve Lillard Jr. were Dallas visitors Monday.

Why worry with the club at home? Entertain at La Josephine.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gibson went to Fort Worth the first of the week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gibson's brother, John E. Kendall, who died at his home in Polytechnic last Sunday.

Attorney A. J. Clendenon was here Tuesday from Fort Worth.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Neal, on Thursday, April 5th, 1923, a son.

Listen, folks! The famous Rexall one cent sale is coming. Watch for date. At the Eagle Drug House, of course.

Mrs. Homer Holliday of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. C. T. Gettys last Sunday.

J. E. Stockton and Rev. L. D. Shawver went to Bowie last Sunday, where Rev. Shawver preached the sermon for the special easter service of the Knights Templar lodge of Bowie.

Pay nothing—get nothing; pay a proper price—get full value. B. & R. first. B. & R.

Mrs. J. M. Hill of Fort Worth, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Douglas were here Saturday from Rhome.

Congressman Guinn Williams and E. L. Brandenburg left yesterday for a visit to Henrietta.

The only sure estate you can leave your family is a life policy. See us

Just received—an express shipment of ladies' trimmed hats. Rieger Brothers.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Horton, on Saturday, March 31st, 1923, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dawson, on Tuesday, April 3rd, 1923, a daughter.

A pie supper will be held in Slidell next Saturday night on the occasion of the closing of a singing school at that place.

Can you tell us why one will buy a non-participating life policy at a greater cost than he can buy a participating policy? B. & R.

D. I. "Black Jack" Jones returned Monday from a stay in Anson.

The First National Bank this week installed a new Toledo no-spring weight scale in the lobby of the bank. The scales are for the free use of anyone who wishes to know his or her weight, and all are invited to use them at any time.

Sam Man was here Sunday from Wichita Falls.

J. A. Simpson was at home Sunday from Anson, visiting his family.

Miss Claudie Mae Workman of Wichita Falls high school faculty, visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. D. Smith and daughter, Miss Gladys, have been visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

See William Duncan and Edith Johnson in "When Danger Smiles" at the Majestic tonight. This is a splendid picture.

Mrs. M. H. Hughes of Lawton, Oklahoma, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Martin.

Mrs. A. S. Martin visited in Fort Worth this week.

Sam Pavillard was in from his farm near the Michigan well first of the week and stated to a Messenger reporter that every indication pointed to the Michigan being the first producer in the county.

Mrs. Gib Taylor of Chillicothe, has been visiting Mrs. Steve Lillard Jr.

Good Buick five-passenger touring car for sale. Will give terms to reliable party. T. H. Wright.

Mrs. Louis Stuckey and son, Billy Bob, left this week for a visit to Cooper.

The Security State Bank last week began a series of constructive advertisements in this paper. The bank is using its space on the first page to boost these industries which have meant so much to this section during the past three years. Last week's ad dealt with the cream business, while this week the poultry industry is stressed and facts given which prove the value of poultry raising in this county. Read these ads and profit by them.

Mrs. M. A. Huntoon, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Terrell Lillard is reported sick with the flu.

Boyd Barker was here from the Rhome country this week.

Congressman Guinn Williams and Alf Brown were in Fort Worth Tuesday.

The Majestic announces a splendid program for Saturday. Besides Ruth Roland in "The Timber Queen" there will be "The Desert Wolf," featuring Tom Santachi, and a delightful comedy featuring "Our Gang."

Luther Belew and P. L. Jones have returned from a business trip to Archer county.

Guy Hughes is the new manager of La Josephine confectionery. Mr. Hughes is a capable and progressive young business man, and Messenger predicts for him success in his new business.

Carl England left first of the week for Vernon, to accept a position on the Vernon Times.

Howard Man and family were here Sunday from Bridgeport.

The six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Gregory was seriously burned at the family home on the Milligan farm, near Greenwood, on Thursday of last week. The child was playing with matches when her clothing was ignited. Before the flames could be extinguished, the little girl was badly burned about the body. Physicians state she is badly burned, but that she will probably recover.

Fred Standley was here this week from Hobart, Oklahoma.

Attorney J. V. Patterson was in Fort Worth Monday on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian attended the funeral of Mr. Ben Morris, who died at his home in Rhome last Monday.

Clifton White, a big hefty country boy who has been struggling against adversities for an education, won splendid honors in the senior boys' declamation contest of the university inter-scholastic league meet on last Friday night. It was a great occasion for him and for others who understand how this event will put that punch of encouragement in the effort of this boy to make a name for himself and for the county he lives in.

Rev. L. M. Barnett will preach at the New South Baptist church next Sunday at eleven a. m.

The Ford car of Pastor R. E. Bell of the First Baptist church was stolen from the home garage last Sunday night. The car was not missed till about four o'clock Monday afternoon. No trace of the auto has been found.

The following Decatur ladies attended the concert given in Denton last Tuesday night by the St. Louis symphony orchestra: Misses Mattie Baits, Alma Christian, Vallie Blankenship, Margaret Bell and Pauline Morrow and Mrs. Una Crouch.

Announcement is made that the regular meeting of Decatur Ku Klux Klan No. 192 will be held on next Monday night.

Extra special! Ralph E. Nichol's show tickets free with any cash purchase at Eagle Drug House.

We will make special prices for Tuesday, April 10th—American Legion day in Decatur—on all furniture, rugs, linoleums, stoves of all kinds, and many other articles we will not mention here. Make our store your headquarters. You will be welcome whether you care to buy or not. Helm-Dillehay Company, Decatur, Texas.

Lawson C. Wasson was here from Wichita Falls last week.

Lloyd Jones and S. T. McFadden of Bono, were here Monday.

W. H. Harris and W. I. Bishop of Justin, were here Monday.

Mrs. Newt Crabtree visited in Fort Worth this week.



Special Prices

—ON—

Baseball Goods

BUY YOUR BASEBALL GOODS DURING THIS SPECIAL SALE!

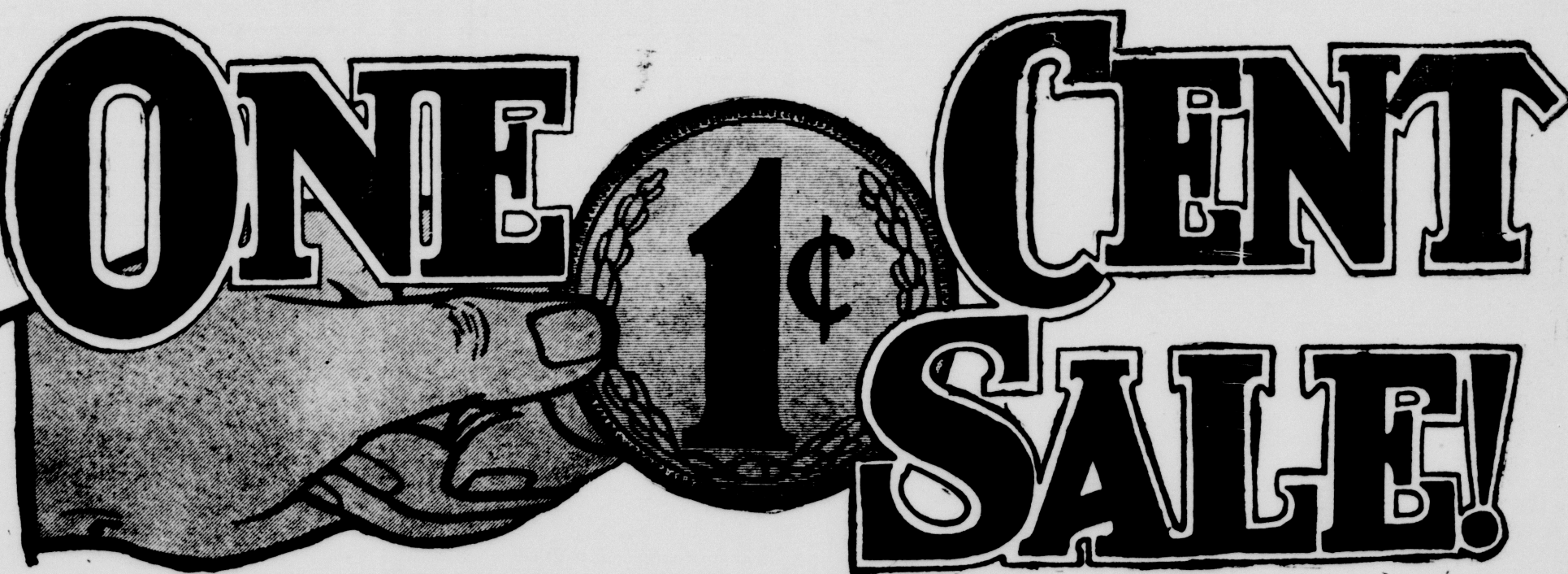
	Regular Price	Special Price
Spaulding gloves	\$4.25	\$3.75
Spaulding gloves	5.50	4.95
Good grade of gloves	3.75	3.35
Catchers' mits	12.00	10.95
Baseball shoes	6.50	5.50

SPECIAL PRICES ON ALL SPAULDING AND GOLDSMITH ATHLETIC GOODS

Lillard & Co.

—The Winchester Store—

ANNUAL REXALL



BY The EAGLE DRUG HOUSE

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
April 12th, 13th and 14th

All new goods and largest assortment we have ever had. This sale is for CASH only. Buy a year's supply at nearly half price. Your Pennies will do the work of Dollars on these days.

The Eagle Drug House
THE REXALL STORE

Druggists

Jewelers

Opticians

Mitchell & Davenport

TRUCK LINE
regular trips to
FORT WORTH

Every Tuesday and Friday

—If you want quick service on your freight give your orders to us. We do general hauling in Decatur and are at your service any time—day or night.

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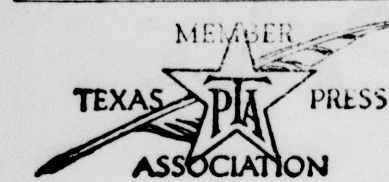
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Three Months—50 Cents

Friday Morning, April 6, 1923.



Bill Davis failed to come back.

Poultry pays better than politics.

Come to Decatur on Tuesday, April 10th. Big doings for all.

Texas dailies have realized that Mr. Hearst has arrived in the state.

The defeated candidate refuses to believe the croakings of the people is the voice of God.

Retiring Mayor Sam Terrell Lillard extends congratulations and sympathy to Mayor-elect Douglass.

The "west begins" near the spot where that love-sick fellow wants to take his sweetie and dwell while the rest of the world goes by.

In the death of Tom Campbell, which occurred at Galveston last Sunday, Texas loses one of its best citizens. He was a friend of the people.

The Delightful Town staged a merry race Tuesday. Lots of fun and frolic, which resulted in selecting a dandy bunch of aldermen and a good mayor.

Inspired by the written evidence in recent breach of promise cases, many maidens are now buying dairies and begging the men "to keep them for my sake."

It is said that only a very, very strong man fails to fall for the stuff that an unkind fellow has dubbed "bull." Sampson in all his glory and locks became a pummy when a rare article of the stuff was poured into his ears.

Some fellow has stated that "the preachers have no business in politics." What? Well, brother! If the game is turned over to the professional politicians, by golly, there won't be any preachers. The gentlemen who are undertaking the laborious work of piloting you to the sky are contesting for the first law of nature, as it were.

Messenger would suggest to the new mayor and his board of aldermen that they give the people, the tax-paying people of Decatur, some idea of the condition of the town's finances. High taxes, and no tangible, or visible, results in street building and such-like, are galling. If the dinario is not in the till, we all favor Alderman Henry Askey's plan and procedure of taking "the bull by the horns" and getting results. It is said that Askey built up streets when the fund was as dry as a powder house. The tax-payers want action.

Traffic Regulations.

Listen, boys, and others who have contracted the habit of wantonly violating the traffic laws in Wise county: Beginning April 16th the laws in this county will be enforced to the letter. Get it! Enforced to the letter! The proper authorities have appointed a man to the office who is a stranger in these parts, and all violators of the law look alike to him, and all who are caught will "pay the fiddler." Mr. J. E. Dalton, an experienced officer, has been commissioned to enforce the laws regulating speed, lights and the like, and get it straight, he is going to see that the laws are respected. Dalton is a good, jolly fellow; a likable fellow, and he believes in honest-to-goodness dealings, fair and square; but, as stated, all violators of the law look alike to him. He has no favors to give out; is under obligations to no one to pass up this or that fellow; he is not a candidate for any office, and, get this, he does not care a rap what bad opinion you form of him for doing his duty. And, s-a-y, there will be no more of the "standing off" practice with Dalton. The work will be done in "regular" style, boys; you will pay up, go to court, or to jail. And, further, boys, during off hours in the work of running down traffic violators, Dalton will be looking in on other violations. If indications are not misleading, honeymoons of a number of our village cut-ups are waning.

The Country Editor.

When Alexander the Great called on Diogenes, he found the old cynic quietly sunning himself. We came very near saying, "and smoking his pipe." Too bad that Diogenes didn't know the joys of a good pipe. But on with the story. "I'm Alexander the Great," said the man of the hour, with all the pomposity at his command. "I'm Diogenes the Cynic," replied the man with the lantern, lazily batting his eyes. "What can I do for you?" asked Alexander, with less pomposity. "Get from between me and the sun," replied the Cynic, batting his eyes more lazily than before. And Alexander went away and told his friends, "If I were not Alexander the Great, I would like to be Diogenes the Cynic."

Ask the successful men what they would like to be if they were not what they are, and the chances are that at least five of them will reply: "I'd like to be the editor of a good country newspaper!"

There's much common sense mixed up with that answer. Perhaps it is like a dog baying for the moon. He wouldn't know what to do with it if he got it, but that doesn't keep him from wanting it. It takes a peculiar type of genius to be the editor of a good country newspaper. First, he must be a philosopher and, second, he must be as fearless as Richard Cœur de Lion. As a country editor once said, "The greatest success lies in knowing when to stand and bluff, when to fight, and when to run."

The average country editor has no axes to grind, and he thinks thoughts and says them, heaving to the line and disregarding where the chips fall. If you want to get the best thought on any subject, and get them clean and free from prejudicial influence, get the country newspaper and read the editorials.

The country editor asks no quarter and gives none when it comes to fighting for the right, for common decency and community progress. He is a versatile cuss, too. He knows all about fishing, corn tucker, chewing tobacco, the better babies movement, scripture, law, farming, sociology, political economy, weather, elections, crops, machinery, science, astronomy, psycho-analysis, relativity, animals, birds, doctrines, etc.

He is the poorest paid, the worst abused and the best loved man in the whole country. He may not have much luck in collecting from his subscribers or getting his townsmen to jar loose with a little advertising; he may take his pay in wading boots, chewing tobacco and sweet potatoes, but he does manage to crowd a heap of living into his years and that is the reason so many more affluent men would like to have his place in the sun.—Southwestern Machinery.

Blossom and Tinsel.

In a store window at holiday time there is an evergreen tree covered with shining bits of tin, sparkling dust on snowy cotton, colored paper, candles and other decorations. Over it the electric lights play, drawing the eyes of the people who pass along the street. Grown folks as well as children admire the tree and praise its sparkling finery.

A week later you may be passing along the alley behind the store. There on the ash heap lies the magnificent tree of the show window, but how bedraggled and desolate it is now! The candles are burned out; the wax smeared the foliage; the tinsel is spoiled; the cotton with its sparkling dust is covered with ashes and dirt. Its day of glory has passed swiftly; it is now counted as worthless, and its beauty, a thing of the past, is forgotten.

A few months later an apple tree comes into bloom. The buds open, and beautiful blossoms cover the branches. You bury your face in the sweet flowers and think of the days ahead when you will be returning to the tree.

Weeks pass. The blossoms have faded and fallen to the ground, but the tree lives, and instead of the flowers, little apples cover the tree. For months they grow and ripen until at last from every branch the rosy cheeked fruit invites you to come and be refreshed.

What a difference between the two trees! One was taken out of its place in life and made to appear what it was not. It showed a beauty that was not its own. It was covered with a finery that was all "put on," and when the occasion for which it had been prepared had passed the tree was forgotten and thrown out as worthless.

The other tree remained what God made it to be. Its beauty was not put on from without, but grew from within. Its value was not just for a day, but the passing of the beauty of spring brought the wealth of a full fruitage in the fall. Honor followed praise, for the riches of its harvest were better than beauty of its bloom.

The scriptures many times compare men with trees. In such a comparison, which sort of tree would you be? Are you living a life that is artificial, or are you being your own best self? Are you making an appearance that is all "put on," or do others know you to be what you seem? Are the things that your friends praise you for your own or another's that you have borrowed from the occasion? When your short day is done will you be forgotten or will you leave the world richer than it was? Will the distance of separating years lend enchantment to the vision the world has kept of one who lived not for praise but the harvest time of a useful life?

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY

Fun for Boys & Girls

—AND—

Free Buster Brown Hose

Between now and April the tenth we will send up two hundred Poll Parrot rubber balloons. These balloons will bear the name of the Perkins-Timberlake Company at Decatur, Texas. Each balloon that is presented to us on

Decatur's Big Day, Tues., Apr. 10

BEFORE 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

entitles the boy or girl to one pair of Buster Brown hose and one Poll Parrot balloon free!

Look for the Perkins-Timberlake Balloons

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY

Home of Poll Parrot Shoes and Buster Brown Hose for Boys and Girls

BRIEF TOPICS

From Our Exchanges.

We hope the fuel men never get control of the sunshine.—The Toledo Blade.

Vehicles are much like men; they make faster headway on the level.—Wenatchee World.

We said we wanted nothing out of the war, and we got even less than that.—New York Tribune.

Evolution continues. Time was when the world was flat only at the poles.—New York Tribune.

The saw horse has contributed more to the good of mankind than the race horse.—Detroit News.

It may take nine tailors to make a man, but it doesn't take nine retailers to break him.—Kenosha News.

That European critic who says America has no leisure class should watch our office holders.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

Still, the house with the largest car parked in front of it may be the one with the largest mortgage on it.—Milwaukee Leader.

The price of radium has dropped to \$29,250,000 per pound. And yet the democrats claim the cost of living is going up.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The point at issue seems to be whether Germany is in most immediate need of a ruler with a firm hand, or a firm hand with a ruler.—Manila Bulletin.

Premier Cuno may be sorry that the American troops left the Rhine district, but we'll wager he'll be sorer if they have to come back.—Manila Bulletin.

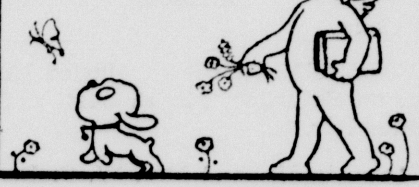
The charge that a senator at Washington was too drunk to reply to roll call may result in a change of rules so that there will be fewer roll calls.—Indianapolis News.

It is announced that Russia will permit the manufacture of liquors for economic reasons—the same reasons for which this country forbade their manufacture.—Tacoma Ledger.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I wander slowly through my life The big world fascinates me so.

I may not pass this way again—I'll look about me as I go.



PHOOLISHNESS

By M. Dash.

Professor—"What is an oyster?" Stude—"An oyster is a fish built like a nut."

"Tell me," said the lady to the old soldier, "were you cool in battle?" "Cool?" said the truthful veteran. "Why I fairly shivered."

Hostess—"It looks like a storm; you had better stay for dinner." Jackson—"Oh thanks, but I don't think it's bad enough for that."

Small Son—"I say, Daddy, when people go to heaven do they become angels right away, or have they to pass a lot of stupid examinations first?"

Judge—"Ten dollars." Motorist—"Can you change a \$20 bill?"

Judge—"No, but I can change the fine. Twenty dollars."

"Could you place my son in your office?"

"All right; what can he do?" "What can he do? If he could do anything I'd hire him myself."

Her Girl Chum—"Did the minster make Ferdinand use the words 'with all my worldly goods I thee endow?'" Mrs. Justwed—"No. Why put him on his guard? I'll get 'em anyway."

The Doctor—"Sure, I'm willing to prescribe beer for you but I can't think of any disease to name in the prescription."

Mr. Wetmore—"Make it hydrophobia, Doc!"

"What profession is you boy Josh going to select?"

"I'm going to educate him to be a lawyer," replied Farmer Cortossel. "He's naturally argumentative and bent on mixin' into other people's troubles an' he might jes' as well get paid for his time."

"I beg your pardon, sir, but what is your name?" the teller politely asked the man presenting a check.

"Name," echoed the indignant customer, "don't you see my signature on the check?"

"I do," answered the teller. "That is what aroused my curiosity."

ASSOCIATION HAD GOOD SESSION

The livestock association, in their meeting last Monday, started work that will make the livestock show at the fair this fall the best ever seen in Wise county, and will create an interest in better livestock over the county that will soon be felt.

The directors were instructed to meet with the fair committee as soon as possible and arrange the classes of stock to be shown, and several other details that came up. By announcing the classes to be shown now it will give those wishing to show time to get up a good show.

A combination auction sale is to be held by the association during the fair, and a special effort is to be made to take the best shown here on to the Dallas fair, and see that Wise county is well represented. What Wise county did at the stock show this spring shows just what can be done by starting now.

The next meeting will be held on George W. Short's ranch on May 4th. At this meeting they are going to bring men from over the state who can give those interested in livestock all the information they want. It will be an all-day meeting, each one bringing his or her dinner. Some of the best stock of the county will be assembled there that day for practical demonstration by the livestock experts who will be there. Everyone who wants to learn more about livestock is urged to be there. It is not a picnic, but a day of instruction for those who are interested, with the picnic feature as a side issue.

Another feature of the day's program will be the stock judging contest by the club boys from all over the county. C. E. Holt, sheep director, suggested that since the boys will be the breeders of tomorrows, they be given all the advantage possible on that day. To further stimulate interest among the boys and men in this event and the fair, the breeders pledged themselves to go any time anywhere in the county with the county agent to help hold judging contests or livestock meetings and give those interested benefits of their experience. J. E. McDaniel will start with the agent to give the boys some lessons in hog judging. Other meetings will follow.

Everyone in the county who is at all interested in good livestock and better homes in Wise county is urged to attend the meeting at Mr. Short's May 4th. Don't come for a picnic, but come to learn something. You won't be disappointed. Men will be there who will be able to tell us something about better livestock and the livestock business.

BETHEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WORK

We, the Bethel Cemetery Association, wish to thank the people for their liberal offering the past year. We have money in the treasury to begin our work the present year, and we hope all those interested in the cemetery will continue their support that we may keep it in first-class condition.

Our association was organized less than a year ago with just a few members and is steadily growing in membership. Visit the yard and see the results of our organization.

MRS. W. W. SHELTON, Pres.
MRS. ST. CLAIR, Vice Pres.
MRS. BOOTH, Secretary
MRS. KILLOUGH, Treasurer.

GOVERNMENT WILL COST EIGHT BILLION

The cost of state and national government this year will be about eight billions of dollars. This is three times what the public expenditures were twenty years ago says the Texas public service information bureau.

Production in this country last year was fairly representative. It shows a surplus above consumption of near twelve million dollars. When the eight billions to support governments are taken from this, there is about four billions left.

For several years industry, in the development of the resources of this country, has required about six billions a year. In order to maintain the standard of living that has been developed in this country this much capital is necessary. Less than the needed amount has been available for several years past. The amount available for industry this year is one-third less than the amount needed. Under these circumstances it is inevitable that industry and progress must slacken and possibly stop.

Incentive is lacking for industrial development under the taxing programs of the states and municipalities of the government. The big incomes are already covering up as is shown by the reduced returns to the government from income taxes. Tax exempt securities with which the states and municipalities are flooding the money markets give them their best opportunity to retire from industry.

These facts point to the necessity for cutting down public expenses. Conditions discourage private enterprise—and the world has no substitute for private enterprise. The business of developing the resources of the country requires courage. This courage will come only thru thrift in the business of government which reduce the tax on earnings and savings to an extent that industry may thrive and the savings be profit-employed instead of confiscated by unproductive public functions.

COURSE OF ACTION FOR CITY IS VOTED

Thoughtfully considering the problem of Decatur's most eminent needs, the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, in regular weekly session Tuesday night, resolved and voted unanimously upon the following immediate course of action:

1. Waging of a vigorous effort to restore Decatur people's affection for their own home town, to bestir home sentiment, to reveal the destructive practices that are strangling the town's trade interests, and to convince the public mind how vital it is that the town have its rightful trade if it may live and prosper.

2. The waging of a campaign to convince every citizen of his or her loyal duty to become a member of and support the chamber of commerce.

3. Health crusade. Infestuous conditions menacing the public health must go. No life should be sacrificed for the reason of the existence of flies and mosquitoes whose breeding places may be eliminated by aroused public action.

4. Clean-up. Decatur is still far from being presentable. Conditions do not yet foster our pride. We still suffer the handicap of disorderliness. Everywhere one looks there are still tumbled-down fences, rocks piled and rocks scattered; houses are unpainted, lawns unkempt. All these things clutter and dispute the way of progress and may be inexpensively improved and eradicated. A day shall soon be declared when the citizenship will be called to voluntary action to remedy these conditions.

EMPLOYEES OF FORD AGENCIES IN MEET

The Decatur Motor Company last Saturday night assembled its sales and mechanical forces in the chamber of commerce offices for a business conference. Both the Decatur and Bridgeport branches were represented. Manager H. M. Helm and W. A. Helm have recently conferred with the Ford general agents in Dallas and the meeting in Decatur was to infect the Ford organization in Wise county with ideas and plans gained at Dallas.

APPOINTS TRAFFIC OFFICER FOR WISE

Beginning Monday, April 16th, the traffic laws in Wise county will be enforced to the letter, according to the statement made the Messenger by Deputy Sheriff J. E. Dalton, who has been appointed traffic officer.

Mr. Dalton is an experienced officer, having been on the Texas state ranger force for several years, afterwards being a deputy sheriff in Wichita county. This new Wise county traffic officer has the authority, and will look after law violations in all sections of the county.

Notice by Publication.

The state of Texas, county of Wise. In probate court—the state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for twenty consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of J. G. Brumley, deceased: The First Joint Stock Land Bank has filed in this court a petition praying the court that John A. Simmons, administrator of the said estate be cited to appear at its next regular term and that an order be then and there made authorizing and requiring said John A. Simmons, administrator, to sell for cash the property described in said petition, or so much thereof as will satisfy the claim of said bank, said property so sought to be sold being 560.73 acres of land out of the B. B. & C. Railway Company section No. 3 and Stephen Frazier surveys in Wise county, Texas, and being the same land described in the deed of trust made by said J. G. Brumley and wife to C. S. E. Holland, trustee, dated September 29th, 1919, and recorded in volume 39, page 562 of the deed records of Wise county, Texas, to which record reference is here made for more particular description of said property, which said proceeding will be heard by said court on the 2nd day of July, 1923, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Decatur, Texas, this 28th day of March, 1923.—JIM BELEW, Clerk of county court, Wise county, Texas. By J. LEE MANN, deputy. (M 30-Ap 13)

ITCH!
Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDY (Hunt's Salve and Soap), fails in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.

AGENTS OF COUNTY DOING GOOD WORK

Monday night the county and home demonstration agents held a very important meeting at Pleasant Valley, three miles east of Bridgeport. The meeting was primarily a boys' and girls' club meeting, but their parents and others interested were urged to be there.

Miss Taylor had her girls to show just what each one had made in the sewing work, and it was wonderful to see what these girls had made and the interest and pride they showed in their sewing. Each one was also asked to tell just what she had done in her poultry or gardening work, and they haven't been laying down on that job either. The parents of the girls should feel proud of what they have done.

The county agent, by the use of lantern slides, gave the boys instructions in methods of dairy cattle and hog judging. These lessons are preliminary instructions to be actual judging work that is to follow later. The principles of feeding, care and herd improvement by the use of pure bred high-producing sires, was also shown.

The boys and girls in this community are very much interested in their work, and they will be heard from later.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The musical program of the choir last Sunday morning was very fine. No recital the choir has given was heard with more delight and enthusiasm than this one. A splendid congregation was present.

The revival meeting begins next Sunday, altho Dr. Bassett will not reach Decatur till Monday. Services will be held at the church each day next week at ten a. m. and seven-thirty p. m. Christian people of the town generally are invited to cooperate and the public is most cordially invited to attend all the services.

Professor H. P. Black will direct the choir and the music promises to be a powerful factor in the meeting. All the members are urged to be in the meeting with all their hearts from the very beginning.—R. E. BELL, Pastor.

SAYS DECATUR HAS WORKED AT PLANS

Robert Adcock, sterling merchant of Alvord, was an enthusiastic visitor to Decatur during the school meeting last week. Speaking of Decatur's general activity, he said: "We'll just have to hand it to Decatur. The town is doing things worth while. I was telling a bunch of our Alvord people not long ago that they had better keep their eyes on Decatur as an example of a community that is working hard for prosperity and doing it successfully. Alvord wants to get in line for developments, and the example of leadership of Decatur is having weight in influencing our people to action. There should be no strife between our county towns; it will take everybody pulling together to make the world understand the unexcelled goodness of our county."

COMPENSATION FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

A new feature of the three million dollar school aid bill as it passed the house was the inclusion of a rider providing that money may be used only for extension of present school terms. But those districts which have been provident enough to look out for themselves and maintain their schools for the desired number of weeks, as well as the weaker schools which already have closed, will derive their advantage from the apportionment next year, the rider providing that schools not needing or using the money this year shall get their apportionments for the next year. This provision also prevents the use of the money as bonuses or additional salaries, as has been done from similar appropriations in the past.

There was an Easter egg hunt at Oak Grove Saturday evening, with an additional feature of having supper served on the ground.

After Every Meal WRIGLEYS

Top off each meal with a bit of sweet in the form of WRIGLEY'S.

It satisfies the sweet tooth and aids digestion.

Pleasure and benefit combined.

Save the Wrappers
FOR THE CHILDREN

PROMINENT MAN OF GREENWOOD DEAD

Mr. Jim Riley, for many years a resident of Greenwood, died last Friday at his home in that town. The funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at the Greenwood Methodist church by Rev. Smith of Sanger. The Masonic burial services were conducted at the Greenwood cemetery by Congressman Guinn Williams, assisted by members of the Greenwood and Decatur lodges.

Mr. Riley was seventy years of age and had been in the mercantile business in Greenwood for the past thirty years. Some months ago his store was destroyed by fire, since which time he has lost his health. He was a charter member of the Methodist church of Greenwood and remained a member of the official board of this church. He also was a member of the Greenwood Masonic lodge for many years. Mr. Riley was a man of strong convictions, honest and honorable, and during his long and active life he made many good friends.

Deceased is survived by his wife and several children.

DECATUR COLLEGE WON FROM WESLEY

Decatur Baptist College baseball team went to Greenville Monday to play Wesley College and Burleson College at that place. Monday's game went to Decatur by a score of eight to six. Rudd and Price were the battery for Decatur. Price had a hitting spell and just got five hits out of five trips to the plate. Boyd and Melton were also in the limelight for Decatur.

ALVORD NEWS (News.)

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl Mayfield, on Sunday night, a twelve-pound girl.

Last Friday the Pella school closed with a nice program and dinner on the ground.

Courtney Hunt of Haskell, was here Tuesday in the interest of the Texas Technological College. Mr. Hunt was formerly a business man of Alvord.

Mrs. R. Johnson of Audubon received a letter recently stating that her sister, Mrs. P. R. Beamer of Oregon, but formerly of this country and reared by her step-father, G. W. Foster, had died March 7th and was interred at the Portland Crematorium of Oregon.

Last Friday night at the Methodist church, the Alvord high school band played their first time for the public. The boys have only had about two months' training, and some of them only about ten days; but to say their first effort was a success would be putting it very mild. There are sixteen boys and one girl in this band, and everyone is putting forth his best efforts.

GORDON RENSHAW HAS PEN ON TRAIN

Gordon Renshaw, a Decatur Black Minorca poultry fancier, is advised that the Santa Fe cow-sow-hen train, which is traveling throughout the system and on which there is a fine pen of the Renshaw Minorcas taken from the fat stock show at Fort Worth, had made, up to the date of March 29th, exactly seventy-four stops at various towns, and that to date 80,605 people had visited the poultry display. As a consequence of this fine opportunity of advertising, Mr. Renshaw is receiving from many points throughout the system inquiries about his chickens, and has already sold much stock and eggs.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I have sold my garage on West Main street to H. M. Morris and want to thank my customers for their past good will and patronage. I wish for by successor a continuance of your favors.
R. R. LACEY.



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BUTTRILL BROS.

BAPTIST WOMEN OF COUNTY MET HERE

The Wise county Baptist Woman's Missionary Union met with the First Baptist church in Decatur on Tuesday at ten o'clock for an all-day session. Mrs. R. E. Gibson of Chico, county president, presided at the meeting.

The opening devotional was led by Mrs. H. L. Jones of Decatur, after which Mrs. J. V. Patterson gave the welcome address in a pleasing manner. Mrs. McGee of Rhome gave a hearty response in behalf of the visiting ladies.

"The Budget Plan in the Church" was discussed in a helpful way by Rev. G. W. Tyson, the county missionary, followed by a discussion of "How the Budget Plan May be Applied or Adopted in the Woman's Missionary Society" by Mrs. R. C. Nutting of Decatur.

"Some Outstanding Baptist Beliefs" was discussed by Mrs. Gardner of Chico and Mrs. D. Y. Lunn of Decatur.

After a short business session came the lunch hour, during which time not only a good lunch but a good social hour was enjoyed by all those present.

The afternoon session was opened by devotional led by Mrs. L. A. Hall of Greenwood. An educational hour was conducted by Mrs. J. H. Burns of Decatur, who is educational chairman for the county woman's work. The first number on this program was a talk by Rev. R. E. Bell of Decatur on "The Decatur College as an Asset to the Baptist Church, the Town and to Wise County." "The Junior College" was discussed by Dr. J. L. Ward, showing the advantages of such a college as offered to high school graduates. We were then favored by a beautiful solo by one of the college graduates for 1923, Miss Lana Hanna of Chico. A splendid talk on "Decatur College from a Student's standpoint," by another 1923 graduate, Miss Nevada Atkinson.

After another short business with reports from the young people's leaders, corresponding secretary and the local missionary societies from over the county, the meeting adjourned with everyone expressing herself as having spent a profitable and enjoyable day.—Press Reporter.

STATE CONTROL OF HIGHWAYS SOUGHT

There is going to be a special election the fourth Saturday of next July to vote on an amendment that would add a new section to article eight of the constitution, in order to conform to the requirements of the federal aid act. This is the amendment proposed by the Texas Highway Association and reads as follows:

"The legislature is authorized and directed to provide for the creation, establishment, construction, maintenance and repair of a system of improved highways thruout the state to be under the control of the state; and in order that the state may provide the means, revenues and instrumentalities for the establishment and maintenance of such a system of highways, the legislature is empowered to levy and cause to be collected specific excise and ad valorem taxes in addition to those permitted for other purposes in the constitution, but such ad valorem tax shall be imposed only for the purpose of retiring the bonds authorized by vote of the people of this state as provided for hereinafter in this section. When said system shall have been designated and taken over for the state as provided in section A hereof, the legislature is authorized to make provisions for the equitable compensation to such counties for the value of such improvements as have been theretofore contracted for by the counties in the state.

"Provided also, that save for the state highway system, in all other respects, counties shall have the right to build, construct and maintain roads, turn-pikes and bridges within their respective boundaries and the constitutional provisions relating to are not qualified or repealed by reason hereof.

"The legislature, at a regular or special session, is authorized and directed to pass and enact all the appropriate legislation necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose and intention of these articles."

The Man Who Quits.

The man who quits has a brain and hand
As good as the next; but lacks the sand
That will make him stick with courage stout
To whatever he tackles and fight it out.
He starts with a rush and a solemn vow
That he'll soon be showing the others how;
Then something new strikes his roving eye,
And his task is left for the bye and bye.—Exchange.

TO THE PUBLIC.

All automobile drivers had better watch their step. Mrs. J. E. Dalton, experienced officers and motorcyclist, has been employed as speed cop. He will work the entire county and will be commissioned to handle all law violations. Mr. Dalton will begin work April 16th.

W. M. WORKMAN, Sheriff,
P. L. GETTYS, County Attorney.

REGISTRATIONS AT NEW GREATHOUSE

T. M. McDaniel, Omaha, Nebraska; C. C. Conn, Dallas; A. R. Baldwin, Dallas; J. T. Hamilton, Fort Worth; T. J. Boggs, Dallas; B. L. Fraser, Venita, Oklahoma; S. H. James, Ardmore, Oklahoma; S. A. Griffin, Fort Worth; W. R. Jeffries, Fort Worth; H. M. Rogers, Dallas; Wade Cowan, Fort Worth; Will Carroll, Dallas; J. M. Lambeth and wife, Fort Worth; C. O. Vernon and wife, Wichita Falls; Thomas W. Smith, Dallas; W. Brooks, St. Louis, Missouri; Fred Neill, Dallas; A. Boland, Dallas; W. G. Boyken, St. Louis, Missouri; Louis Rostenberg, St. Louis, Missouri; Miss Bess Brown, Bridgeport; F. A. Tower and wife, Bridgeport; H. W. Duren, Wichita Falls; S. Harris, Fort Worth; J. W. Silberstein, Fort Worth; C. Fox Clark, Graham; F. L. Kimbrough, Fort Worth; A. Trippett, Waxahatchie; L. W. Hendrix, Dallas; C. H. Ray, McKinney; G. R. Moore, Dallas; J. H. Shelton, Dallas; D. W. Florence, Houston; H. W. Hutchison, Dallas; J. P. Crosby, Dallas; C. D. Maberry, Dallas; C. P. Dodson, Decatur; C. L. Minke, Dallas; R. Piland, Dallas; J. W. Bassett, Dallas; Roy Thomas, Cleveland, Ohio; C. W. Whaley, Fort Worth; L. F. Lipman, San Antonio; R. E. Green, Wichita Falls; W. E. Rankin, Dallas; M. L. Collier, Vernon; Mrs. J. A. Dixon, Dallas; C. L. Mills, Dallas; George H. Nesbitt, Dallas; W. H. Levy, Dallas; John Maynard Jr., Chicago, Illinois; W. S. Richards, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. W. Rantle, Vernon; P. E. Hayes, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Conesman, Comanche, Oklahoma; R. M. Miller, Denver, Colorado; H. R. Faulion, Elecera; H. D. Richardson, Fort Worth; W. J. Harris, Dallas; E. P. Beau, Dallas; J. N. Fender, Dallas; Nelvia Davis, Dallas; R. E. Davis, Dallas; E. D. Hargrave, Dallas; E. A. Hearn, Dallas; R. B. Craft, Dallas; C. B. Beard, Fort Worth; C. C. Tilden, Dallas; T. E. Evans, Wichita, Kansas; Herbert N. Volklen and family, Wichita Falls; R. J. Roberts, New York City; S. M. Keen, St. Louis, Missouri; H. C. Ratcliff, California; Bess Starnes, Decatur; Charles Mowlin, Electra; D. A. Young, Crosbyton; M. T. Dunn, Crosbyton; S. A. Guy, Crosbyton; M. E. Brown, Dallas; J. H. Grose, Cloie and wife, Dallas; J. W. Collier, Dallas; Hamilton Reynolds, Fort Worth; Roy Kelley and wife, Fort Worth; Eva Pearl Doyle, Slidell; Viola Witherspoon, Slidell; J. E. Witherspoon, Slidell; Ruth Witherspoon, Slidell; Opal Landers, Slidell; J. Tom Wells, Dallas; C. Reeves, city; Lup Collier, city; G. W. Williams and wife, city; Jack Killcrease, Salida, Colorado; G. W. Smith, Chicago; C. O. Bach, Chico; C. E. King, Wichita Falls; Fred R. Roberts, Wichita Falls; P. L. Gettys, city; Guy C. Collier, Alvord; J. R. Adcock, Alvord; John Clark, Denton.

Baptist Workers of County in Meeting

Following is program of the regular monthly county workers' meeting which will be held with the Baptist church at Audubon April 6th-9th:

Friday.
7:45 p. m.—Sermon by R. E. Bell.
Saturday.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon by G. W. Tyson
7:45 p. m.—Sermon by J. F. Phillips.

Sunday.
11:00 a. m.—"Our Missionary Opportunity and Obligation"—Dr. R. T. Bryan.

2:15 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. program by Alvord young people.
3:00 p. m.—Laymen's program by men from Alvord church.
3:45 p. m.—Reports from Decatur and Greenwood local unions as to present status of what we are planning to do.

7:45 p. m.—Sermon by R. T. Bryan.

Monday.
10:00 a. m.—Devotional service led by T. W. Thorp.

10:30 a. m.—"Solving the Financial Problems in the Local Church" by J. H. Heathington.

11:15 a. m.—Sermon by J. L. Ward.

Noon. Lunch at the church.

1:00 p. m.—Board meeting. Presence of each member desired.

2:00 p. m.—W. M. U. program by ladies from Chico and Alvord.

3:00 p. m.—"Will the Churches of Wise County Make Good in the Spring Round-Up?"

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REPUBLICAN MADE ALDERMAN OF CITY

For the first time in the lives of many citizens of Decatur, they voted for a republican in Tuesday's city election. A. J. Ogle, who was elected alderman of ward two, is one of the staunch supporters of the present national administration and is a life-long republican. Yet, with such a record, he is one of the town's best citizens; progressive, a successful business man and one of the finest fellows you'll meet in a day's travel. If all "pubs" were of the Jack Ogle type of men, the opposing parties would dissolve like mist before the genial rays of a July sun.

The Happy Woman.

I will tell you, madam, who the rival is that you need fear. It is not the beautiful woman, or the intellectual woman, or the witty woman, or the well-dressed woman, or the vamp. None of these will probably carry George away from you. That is none of them will be as likely to do so as another kind of woman.

The woman you need fear is the happy woman. The one thing that men most seek in women is cheer. Perhaps the reason is that most men are bankrupt in cheer and they need constantly new capital.

You have wondered, perhaps, why George is slipping away, and what it is he finds in that minx. If you would examine the case a bit, and open your eyes, you might discover. Did you ever notice that as soon as you get alone with your husband you slump? The lines of our mouth go down, you begin to talk about your complaints and to air your worries. It is only when some one else comes into the horizon—a neighbor, friend or the children—that you perk up.

Now, the object of a man is to make a woman happy. That is his pride. If he thinks he is successful in this, it stimulates him, it permeates him with satisfaction. Did you ever think that you are constantly reminding him that he is not able to make you happy, and in so doing you are unconsciously exerting yourself to depress him?

Consequently he seeks the society of women who cheer up when he approaches. This may be that brainless Mrs. Doolittle, or that simpering miss whom he meets at the country club, or it may be his stenographer, or possibly even one of Mrs. Warren's profession. In any event, it is the woman who smiles when he comes near, whose face lights up with pleasure at his proximity. He gets that dangerous idea that he is making her happy. There is your rival.

And the way to beat her is to be happy yourself. Particularly it is to have your face light up and your spirits become gay, and your atmosphere indicate contentment when George is with you. More especially when he is alone with you.

If you don't propose to change, and you can't be happy with him possibly, then the only thing to do is to see that he only associates with other women who are grouchy faces. Then, maybe, you will be the least bad in the lot.—Dr. Frank Crane.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. F. Pennington, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published

in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house, in Decatur, on the last Monday in May, A. D. 1923, the same being the 28th day of May, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1923, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5226, wherein J. L. Norris is plaintiff and J. W. Lassiter and C. F. Pennington are defendants, and said petition alleging suit in trespass to try title to the Henry Moore survey of 160 acres of land situated in Wise county Texas: Beginning at a rock marked "X" on the southwest boundary line of Bell county school land 375 varas south 45 varas east from its west corner, thence south 45 varas, west 950 varas, a corner; thence south 45 varas, east 950 varas, a corner; thence north 45 varas, east 950 varas, to beginning.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. By W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Deputy. (Mar 23-Apr 13)

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon P. O. Saunders and the unknown heirs of P. O. Saunders, J. W. Hale and the unknown heirs of J. W. Hale and the unknown heirs of J. W. Hale, and C. W. Collum and the unknown heirs of the said C. W. Collum by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur on the fourth Monday in May, A. D. 1923, the same being the 28th day of May, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5243, wherein W. H. Askey, hereinafter called plaintiff complaining of P. O. Saunders and the unknown heirs of P. O. Saunders, J. W. Hale and the unknown heirs of J. W. Hale, and J. W. Collum and the unknown heirs of the said C. W. Collum represents that the plaintiff resides in Wise county, Texas, and that the residence of said defendant is to the plaintiff unknown; that on the first day of January, 1923, plaintiff was and is now at the date of the filing of this petition lawfully seized and possessed and in the possession of the tract of land hereinafter described, situated in said county of Wise holding the same in fee simple, to-wit: In Wise county, Texas, and being a part of the A. J. Walker survey beginning at a stake in the east line of the right-of-way of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway Company fifty feet south of the north line of said survey, thence east 445 feet, thence south 600 feet, thence west 278 feet, to the east line of said right-of-way, thence in a northwest direction (part of this line on a curve) 621 feet to the beginning; containing five acres of land. That on the day and year last aforesaid the defendants unlawfully entered upon the above described premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and

unlawfully withholds from him the possession thereof and is unlawfully asserting some sort of title thereto to his damage in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur this 19th day of March, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Mar 23-Apr 13)

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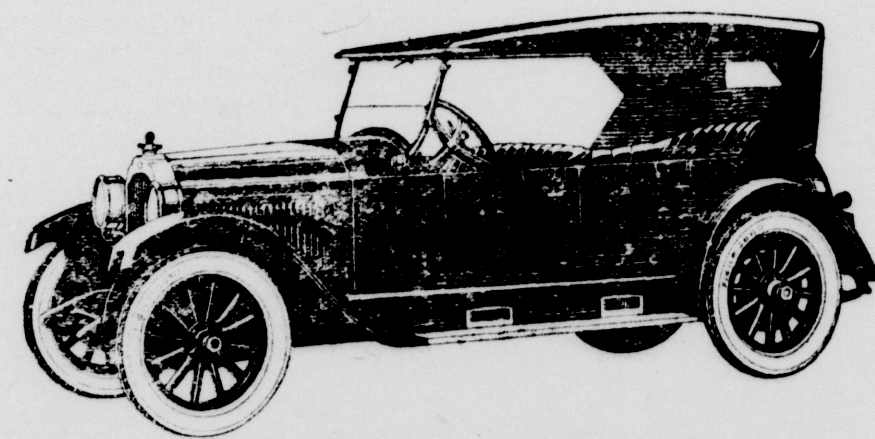
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MERIDIAN GARAGE

—East Main Street—

Local News

The following ladies went to Fort Worth last Sunday afternoon and attended a concert given by the St. Louis symphony orchestra: Mmes. John A. Simmons, P. J. Fullingim Cody Milligan, and Misses Gable Sue Carpenter, Virginia Bobo, Johnnie Mae Blankenship, Eileen Rowan and Bell Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus King of Henrietta, spent several days with Mrs. Sam Gentry.

Mrs. Emory Gettys entertained the forty-two club number two at La Josephine confectionery last Saturday afternoon. Miss Dollie Mearns for club members made high score, and Miss Ada Harding for the guests. A delicious ice course was served. The club will meet Saturday, April 14th, with Miss Mildred Kerr.

We have a new Hotpoint electric range consigned to us for a free sixty day trial in some customer's home. Come and see this beautiful range and be the first to try it in your home. Decatur Light & Water Company.

There will be an election of school board trustees tomorrow. It is the duty of every public-spirited citizen in Decatur to take interest in the election of these school trustees, and the citizens owe it to the best interests of the town to select men who are interested in the progress of the school. Come out and vote.

"Dinty Moore's" place on the west side of the square has been closed for the season. New quarters will be opened on West Main street, it is reported.

Soda that is soda at La Josephine.

We will make special prices on Tuesday, April 10th—American Legion Day—on all furniture, stoves of all kinds, linoleum, rugs, and many other articles we will not mention here. Make our store your headquarters; you will be welcomed whether you care to buy or not. Helm-Dillehay Company, Decatur.

Come to Decatur next Tuesday!

Mrs. Claud Shaw and Miss Kate McGee of Rhome, were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Mmes. D. C. Stevenson and L. C. Boyd were Fort Worth visitors last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boyd entertained last Friday evening with forty-two. Mr. Philip Baits made high score. Refreshments were served the following: Messrs. and Mmes. Philip Baits and Dale Stevenson, Messrs. Carl Carpenter, Rob Smith, Alfonso Man, Johnnie Gentry, Misses Mattie Baits, Bell Ford, Ada Harding, Vallie Blankenship, Artie Mae Floyd, Alma Christian, Marie Pterson, Johnnie Blankenship, Annie Plaxco and Mrs. Una Crouch.

Mrs. J. R. Rhine and mother, Mrs. Riley, of Alvord, were here Monday en route to visit Mrs. Jim Riley, who is seriously ill.

Miss Vallie Blankenship went to Fort Worth Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. J. E. Kendall, who died at his home in Polytechnic last Sunday.

Ben Morris, aged sixty-two, died at his home in Rhome last Monday. Mr. Morris had long been a citizen of Rhome and was well and favorably known in that section.

Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent, announces that no teachers' examination will be held in May. The next examination will be April 6th and 7th.

We have a new Hotpoint electric range consigned to us for a free sixty day trial in some customer's home. Come and see this beautiful range and be the first to try it in your home. Decatur Light & Water Company.

It is reported that the new council will take up the matter of the town returning to a "marshal basis," of ordering the office of city marshal, which was abolished some time ago, recreated and ordering an election to fill the office. For some time there has been a demand that the town return to its former status, of having a full corps of city officials. The claim that the office was not self-supporting will not hold water, claim those favoring the office, as the records will show that the town for almost sixty years had a marshal and the emoluments were sufficient to cause some of the town's best citizens to aspire for the place.

Come to Decatur next Tuesday!

courage southern farmers to plant an increased acreage. Back of much of the propaganda in this country and especially abroad about the world's cotton shortage is the hope of these who are proclaiming that fact from the house-tops that they may thus induce the south, tempted by this shortage and by rising prices, to plant for a big crop. If the word went out that the south had put in a large acreage, and entirely without regard to whether that acreage meant a large total yield or not, prices would instantly be beaten down for the coming crop and speculators would once more reap their harvests at the expense of the southern farmer and southern prosperity.

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WANTED.

WANTED—Small incubator; an Old Trusty preferred. Call Southwestern phone 103. (13)

WANTED—One hundred to five hundred acres along Trinity river, anywhere from Newark to Bridgeport. Overflow land acceptable, but would want some upland with it. Write us, giving price, terms and amount of incumbrance.—BRADY REALTY COMPANY, 210 Touraine Building, Fort Worth, Texas. (14)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Good bottom ear corn, \$1.00 per bushel at barn in Decatur; weigh your wagon.—M. GREGG, Decatur, Texas. (15)

FOR SALE—Fresh Jersey heifer; also a gentle Shetland pony. See W. W. BROWN, rural carrier on route eight, at post office. (14)

FOR SALE—English bred white leg-horn eggs, \$1.00 per sitting, \$5.00 per hundred; baby chicks, 12½ cents each at Decatur. S. W. phone 165-13.—MRS. H. C. Boyd, route 8. (13)

FOR SALE—An ideal place for poultry or truck farm; room for three or four cows; fourteen acres, one mile from court house; hundred and fifty bearing fruit trees; small house; terms.—R. C. NUTTING. (14)

FOR SALE—Pure-bred White Plymouth Rock eggs; \$2.00 to \$3.50 per setting of fifteen.—S. L. MORRIS, Decatur. (15)

FOR SALE—Good Buick five-passenger touring car; terms to reliable party.—T. H. WRIGHT. (13)

FARMERS NOTICE—Do you want to raise the first bale ginned in your town next season? If so plant Light-

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Play ball! April 10th, the world famous Dixie champion in Decatur for exhibition game. It's a great stunt. Come listen to 'em.

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Good Time for Everybody

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We welcome you to our store when in Decatur.

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—Fire from electric wires, when properly equipped with fuse plugs, is practically an impossibility. We can show, at our office, a practical demonstration to prove this.

—Fuses are the most vital part of your house wiring. Fuses rarely ever blow unless some part of your house wiring, iron cord or other electrical equipment is in bad order. In such cases many folks put pennies behind the blown fuse. Such a practice is very dangerous as, with a penny in your blown fuse block, you have no protection whatever from defective wiring.

—Be sure you have the proper fuse plugs. The average house should have ten ampere fuse plugs. Where washing machines are used, fifteen ampere fuses are better. Never use fuses stronger than fifteen ampere.

—We will gladly co-operate with you in making your house wiring absolutely safe.

DECATUR LIGHT & WATER COMPANY

WEEVIL DECREASES YIELD FOR COUNTY

According to a government gin report published last week, the boll weevil has bitten a twenty to twenty-five thousand bale chunk out of the annual cotton crop of Wise county. We all know, of course, that it is a great public calamity—a sheer loss of two million dollars annual revenue, roughly estimated—the chief cause of the hard times we've heard so much about and experienced so keenly.

What's to be done about it? Are we religiously thinking on the problem? Are we informing ourselves on suggested way of beating the boll weevil? Among these are early planting of early fruiting varieties in a deep and early prepared seed bed that has been amply supplied with the right kind of mineral or commercial fertilizers, close spacing of the plants in the row at chopping time, quick and constant cultivation to hasten the fruiting stage, the destruction of fallen square (even the plucking of the first formed squares in some instances), the use of calcium arsenate as a poison. The fertilizers for all kinds of land should contain a high percentage of acid phosphate which contributes to rapid fruit formation; fertilizers for the sandy land should contain a high percentage of both acid phosphates and nitrogen; fertilizers for black land should contain a lesser percentage of nitrogen and a good percentage of acid.

In Wise county we need to use pure seed of standard high-grade varieties like that of Mebane, Rowden, Lone Star, Acala and Kasche; certainly not that of half-and-half and other poor quality short-limbed cottons.

As respects poison, it won't pay to use it on a crop that will make less than one-fourth to one-half bale per acre.

Exclusive of poisoning and fertilizing, it is probably true that numerous Wise county farmers will utilize the other methods of cultivation recommended. The one item that stands a chance of being overlooked is that of using fertilizers, and this in face of the positive belief of many good authorities that fertilizers in the future will be absolutely essential to the growing of profitable cotton crops in Wise county. The best principles of fertilizers aid wonderfully to help a struggling cotton crops beat the boll weevil to a yield that is worth picking. There are two places for fertilizers now: One, the thought of it on the intending grower's mind; the other, directly in the row under the cotton itself.

Supplies of fertilizers are available in Decatur now thru the firm of Lillard & Company, who are helping out in the campaign by selling the material on a cost basis and on terms to creditable farmers. Lillard & Company are pushing the fertilizer campaign from a public spirited viewpoint, and the Decatur Motor Company is going to demonstrate its powers from the same animating motive. Both firms are pledged to the effort of salvaging the Wise county cotton crop from the destruction of its greatest enemy. The Ford agency will utilize, in connection, a demonstration in power farming, showing up the relative cheapness of tractor cultivation as compared with the usual method. Also a cotton variety test will be carried out with the purest and best of standard varieties of seed used for the planting. This is proving to be one of the interesting farm projects of the year and the most promising of results. The Decatur demonstration is pitched on the farm of George Jamison, just at the edge of town on the Decatur-Denton road. Go out and see it, all that have the cotton industry of Wise county at heart; keep in touch with the demonstration from beginning to end and help disseminate the results.

A demonstration of like kind will be carried out near Bridgeport, on sandy land.

Mr. Lillard at Decatur is taking a personal interest in the fertilizer campaign and will be glad to explain the material and its use to any inquirer who is interested.

BRIDGEPORT DAIRY PROSPECTS BRIGHT

A better understanding comes to light in connection with the dairy industry that is building up around the town of Bridgeport. It was reported that the Tennessee Dairies of Dallas had discouraged further production of whole milk in that vicinity. This seems to be not the case. The facts are that a limit of two hundred gallons per day was put on Bridgeport when the enterprise was started there, but the production has never attained that amount. Afterwards the company took off the limit and told the people they would take all the milk the people would produce. What is being done now at Bridgeport, or what the intention of the company is, is to plant a separator at Bridgeport, separate the cream from the milk and return the skimmed milk to the patrons free of charge. Under this plan the company will take all the Bridgeport production that the vicinity can offer and return the farmers the benefit of the valuable skimmed-milk. Tennessee Dairies, Inc. of Dallas is concentrating its interest on Wise county as a future permanent dairy field of large consequence to feed the thousands that are thronging to the city of Dallas to live. It is an asset of wonderful importance to Wise county and everybody should co-operate to the end of making progress swift.

Notice by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county, at least once a week for ten days previous to the return day hereof, copies of the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the welfare and estate of Brooks Boyd, a minor. Tom B. Boyd has filed an application in the county court of Wise county on the 9th day of March, 1923, for the appointment of guardian of the person and estate of Brooks Boyd, a minor, which said application will be heard by said court on the 5th day of April, 1923, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand the official seal, at Decatur, this 20th day of March, 1923.—JIM BELEW, clerk, county court, Wise county, Texas. By J. LEE MANN, Deputy. (Mar 23-30)

We have a new Hotpoint electric range consigned to us for a free sixty day trial in some customer's home. Come and see this beautiful range and be the first to try it in your home. Decatur Light & Water Company.

COTTON PLANTERS FACING SITUATION

Annual cotton production in Wise county has decreased by twenty to twenty-five thousand bales in the last few years as per a statistical report transmitted by the government and published in last Sunday's Dallas News. That is a great portentous and economical fact. We knew it already by the hole in our pocket-books, but up to now we just hadn't been provided the figures.

Mostly the boll weevil is the cause; depleted land, washed land and abandoned farms are others. The third enemy striking at our cotton industry at present is the use of poor varieties. What is to be one about it all in the future?

Headway may be made against the boll weevil by following recommended practices of cultivation. Plant early-fruiting varieties in land early prepared and carefully fertilized with mineral fertilizers containing a high per cent of nitrogen and acid phosphate. Leave the plants to stand thickly in the row at chopping time. Give quick and constant cultivation to hasten maturity. Pick up and destroy all the fallen squares. Use machines and use poisons—calcium arsenate—on crops that will make a quarter and a half bale an acre. Lesser yields will not repay the expense of the poison. These are some of the recommendations for raising cotton in the presence of the boll weevil.

Impoverished lands have got to be returned to production by the means of terracing and the plowing under of green crops of any kind. Good hard-surfaced roads threading the country and the existence of a dairy and poultry industry already established will tend to the re-settling of the abandoned farms.

As respects the varieties that is a problem that surely can be handled, the necessity for a change from poor to better varieties once being understood and acknowledged. What kind of cotton will prove profitable to plant in the future? Certainly those that are wanted in the general markets. The half-and-half variety is not wanted; that is a foregone conclusion. Half-and-half is a short staple cotton of poor fiber, and the general market is going to put the taboo on cotton growing communities that continue to put it out.

We wish we had more light on what kinds of cotton it would prove the most profitable for Wise county farmers to grow. The lack of this knowledge places an extra stress on the importance of the two variety demonstrations that will be made in Wise county by the Decatur Motor Company. One of these will be near Decatur on the black land farm of George Jamison; the other near Bridgeport on the sandy land near the Decatur-Bridgeport road. Each demonstration will include also a fertilizer and power farming test. Books and records will be kept on the entire proposition, and the facts will be revealed to the public. Farmers are urged to keep themselves fully informed of the various stages of this public spirited effort to deduce facts of vital importance to Wise county's farming industry.

Fertilizer is now available to all farmers who want to use it the present season. Lillard & Company at Decatur are arranging to put out a supply at cost and on fall terms to all

good farmers who want to make a use of the material on their own crops. The boost properties of fertilizers tend to the maturing of the crops before the big swarm of weevils has a chance at them, or to speak more accurately, they hasten a large portion of the crop to mature and harden its bolls in advance of the big general attack. Farmers generally ought to make a trial of the fertilizers this year. It is nearly a demonstrated truth that fertilizer will have to be used in the future if Wise county returns to the time of its former big yields.

PECAN NEWS

Grady Boyd is ill with the flu this week.

Anna Lee Malcolm entertained Saturday night with a party.

Grady Casey of New Mexico, is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. W. Hollman visited her parents at Allison Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jewell Taylor, the home demonstration agent, and Mr. Thomas of A. & M. College, visited our school Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Reeves spent Sunday in Weatherford visiting the later's sister, who recently underwent an operation.

Last Wednesday night a number of farmers of this community met at the Pecan school house and discussed the organizing of a farmers' union.

Notice of Bankruptcy.

In the district court of the United States for the northern district of Texas. In the matter of Hillory Oliver Baynham, bankrupt—No. 1221 in bankruptcy.

Bankrupt's petition for discharge, filed the 31st day of March, 1923, and order thereon. Hillory Oliver Baynham of Alvord in the county of Wise and state of Texas, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 27th day of February, 1923 A. D., he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of congress, relating to bankruptcy, that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property and his fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all his debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as

are specially excepted by law from such discharge.

Duly verified on the 28th day of March, 1923. Signed Hillory Oliver Baynham, bankrupt.

Considering the above petition, it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim and other parties in interest desiring to oppose the said discharge as praye for in above petition, shall on or before the 5th day of May, 1923, file with the undersigned referee at Fort Worth, Texas, notice in writing of their opposition to such discharge, and after filing opposition, specifications thereunder shall be filed with the referee within ten days from the said date on or before which opposition may be filed.

Given this 3rd day of April, 1923. —GLENN SMITH, Referee in Bankruptcy. (Apr 6)

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TUESDAY, APR. 10

Decatur's Big Day!

Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Wise County American Legion have combined to make this a most enjoyable day for the people of Wise County. A full day's program of entertaining events. Come early and you will stay all day!

The following will be given away by the merchants of Decatur and by the Wise County Post of the American Legion in Decatur after the ball game:

FORD CAR GIVEN AWAY!

One new Ford car; one lady's coat suit, value \$75.00; one lady's dress, value \$50.00; one man's suit, value \$50.00; one kitchen cabinet, value \$40.00; one axminster rug, value \$40.00; and about forty other prizes to the value of around \$450.0.

Big League Baseball Game Ft. Worth Panthers vs. Am. Legion

Coach John "Eagle" Gunn announces the following as the probable line-up for the legion team: Renshaw, R. Detheridge, Parish, Doug, as, Lancaster, Lillard, Collins, J. Detheridge, Dickson, Sensibaugh, Green, Clay, Steel, O. Jones, Praytor, Albritton, T. Gibbins.

Important Differences

A discussion of public utility service by the Indiana Public Utilities Commission points out:

"There is another important difference between the public utility business and private unregulated business. In time of adversity or in hard times like the present, the private business ceases to borrow money, immediately cuts down expenses by discharging men, by cutting wages, by refusing to buy unless the price is satisfactory, and if necessary reduces its output or closes up shop and waits for more prosperous times.

Must Go On

"The public utility can do none of these things. It must continue to operate at full blast, regardless of the times. It must continue to borrow money at excessive rates, it must continue to buy the materials and supplies required, it must retain its full force of employees and increase the force as the demand for its service increases."

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